

Nick and Giles English join Jaguar for inaugural 'Mini Miglia' Rally in Scotland

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- Jaguar Heritage stages 'Mini Miglia' for 2015 driver team in preparation for the Mille Miglia in Italy, 14-17 May
- Vehicle familiarisation and 'shakedown' event took in 100 miles of the best Scottish roads, helping guest drivers to prepare for the gruelling Mille Miglia
- Chef, TV Presenter and Car Collector James Martin, partnered by Bremont Watch Company co-founder Nick English, won the 'Mini Miglia' trial in a Jaguar D-type 'Long Nose'
- New short film captures the spirit and action from the rally: https://youtu.be/dArVf9d_diM

Bremont Co-Founders Nick and Giles English were delighted to join Jaguar Heritage at the inaugural 'Mini Miglia' in Scotland, giving its Mille Miglia entrants a chance to familiarise themselves with the stunning range of iconic sports cars they'll be driving in Italy from 14-17 May.



Some of the most important sports and touring models from Jaguar's heritage collection

Taking in some of the finest roads Scotland has to offer, the 'Mini Miglia' gave the Jaguar Heritage team drivers a chance to perfect their time trial skills and to familiarise themselves with their cars – some of the most important sports and touring models from Jaguar's heritage collection.

Visually captivating scenery, roads and cars - as well drivers including Jaguar Director of Design Ian Callum, Chef and TV Presenter James Martin and Supermodel David Gandy – all feature in a new short film which previews the Mille Miglia celebration tour: https://youtu.be/dArVf9d_diM

The incredible scenery and winding roads of the Scottish Highlands provided the perfect backdrop for such an iconic selection of Jaguars. On a route devised by the Caledonian Classic & Historic Motor Sports Club (CCHMSC), the cars travelled from Loch Lomond northbound on the A83 towards Inveraray Castle and then south along The Rest And Be Thankful – part of the original British Hill Climb Championship. Finally, the route looped back around towards Loch Lomond and the finish line.

Also tackling this 100-mile training course – which also included a Mille Miglia-style time trial officiated by the CCHMSC – was adventurer Charley Boorman who accompanied Giles English whilst Nick drove with renowned British chef James Martin.



Charley Boorman and Giles English with the Mk VII

Giles English remarked: “It is a real honour to have been invited by Jaguar to take part in the Mille Miglia as part of their team. Bremont is of course launching its Jaguar watch range this year so it’s a really lovely extension of the partnership and incredibly special for us to be able to drive such beautiful vintage cars in this iconic and historic race.”



The ‘Long Nose’ D Type being driven by Nick English and James Martin in the Scottish Highlands

Jaguar’s Director of Design Ian Callum piloted an Ecurie Ecosse D-type with its owner Clive Beecham. Ian Callum said: “Driving these cars in this situation is just the most wonderful thing in the world. It is one of the highest highs I can possibly imagine.”

The ‘Long Nose’ D-type is the very same car that was runner-up in the 1957 Le Mans 24 Hour race, won by another of Ecurie Ecosse’s cars – and helping cement the Scottish team’s place in history.

Accompanying the Ecurie Ecosse D-type in Scotland, were two Jaguar XK120s, an XK140, a Mk VII, two C-types and another D-type. Each of the cars performed spectacularly throughout the 100-mile trial.



Winners of the 'Mini Miglia' regularity trial, Nick English and James Martin

The D-type driven for the first time in anger by James Martin and Nick English was awarded first place in the 'Mini Miglia' regularity trial, followed by the Mk VII of Charley Boorman and Giles English. The cars and drivers will next meet on the start line in Brescia on May 14th, ready to tackle 1,000-miles through Italy on the 2015 Mille Miglia.

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